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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Oxford Baptist Association

HELD WITH

PILGRIM'S REST BAPTIST CHURCH,
PANOLA CO., MISS.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before the Second Sunday in September,

1890.

OFFICERS:

E. W. BARTON, MODERATOR, Water Valley, Miss.
S. R. WHITTEN, CLERK, Alesville, Miss.
E. G. LEIGH, TREASURER, Courtland, Miss.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2d. Receive Corresponding Messengers.
3rd. Receive reports of Messengers to corresponding bodies.
4th. Appoint a Finance Committee.
5th. Receive report of Executive Board.
6th. Receive reports of Standing Committees.
7th. Receive Treasurer's Report.
8th. Receive report of Finance Committee.
9th. Appoint Standing Committees.
10th. Appoint a place for next meeting.
11th. Appoint a Brother to preach Introductory Sermon.
12th. Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions.
13th. Call and correct the roll.
14th. Adjourn.

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Directory.

E. W. Barton.....Moderator.
S. R. Whitten.....Clerk.
E. G. Leigh.....Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A. T. Bobo, B. F. Tatom, W. L. Hudson.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

LOCAL MEMBERS—Z. D. Jennings, W. S. Chapman, J. P. Boydston, R. H. Mitchell, E. W. Barton.

H. L. Johnston,	I. H. Lowry,	T. A. Tubbs,
S. R. Whitten,	J. D. Hill,	T. A. Hale,
R. W. Draper,	W. M. Vanderberg,	J. T. Birdsong,
E. L. Wesson,	Thomas Winter,	J. L. Sisk,
G. W. Gardner,	P. H. Lowrey,	J. M. Burkhalter,
J. W. Higginbotham,	J. D. Woodruff,	J. A. Lee.

OFFICERS OF BOARD.

Rev. H. L. Johnston, President.....Water Valley, Miss.
Rev. G. W. Gardner, Treasurer.....Oxford, Miss.
S. R. Whitten, Clerk.....Alesville, Miss.

MINISTERIAL REGISTRY.

J. A. Lee.....Courtland, Miss.
W. I. Hargis.....University, Miss.
G. W. Hollowell.....Wallace, Miss.
H. L. Johnston.....Water Valley, Miss.
M. G. Leatherwood.....Pope, Miss.
H. W. Rockett.....Harrison, Miss.
E. D. Rowe.....Harrison, Miss.
G. W. Gardner.....Oxford, Miss.
E. L. Wesson.....Water Valley, Miss.
W. L. Hudson.....Water Valley, Miss.
Thomas Winter.....Oxford, Miss.
L. W. Metts.....Oxford, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

C. L. Anderson ..... Water Valley, Miss.
J. W. Gillon ..... Water Valley, Miss.
J. T. Mabry ..... Harrison, Miss.

NEXT MEETING.

PLACE—Batesville, Miss., M. & T. R. R.
TIME—Thursday before second Sunday in September, 1891.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—G. W. Gardner, Alt. E. L. Wesson.

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MINUTES.

PILGRIM'S REST, MISS., Sept. 11, 1890.

The Oxford Baptist Association met in its twenty-first session. Introductory Sermon by appointee, Rev. H. W. Rockett, from Matt. 28, 20. Prayer by Rev. E. W. Spencer. Association called to order by the former Moderator, J. W. Higginbotham.

Brethren J. A. Lee and J. W. Gillon were appointed Reading Clerks.

After reading the letters, on motion adjourned. Benediction by Rev. H. L. Finley.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—D. A. Burnett, T. A. Tubbs, A. P. Turner.

BATESVILLE—A. T. Bobo, W. W. Dickens.

BETHANY—Rev. H. W. Rockett, I. H. Lowry, W. J. Gowan.

BIG SPRINGS—Rev. H. L. Johnston, P. P. Pitts, D. G. Thomas.

CLEAR CREEK—Rev. W. I. Hargis, I. H. McElroy, S. R. Whitten, J. W. Jones, R. H. McElroy.

CONCORD—J. W. Higginbotham, J. W. Stogner, B. F. Tatom, J. D. Williams.

COURTLAND—Rev. J. A. Lee, E. Y. Leigh, J. B. Wynne.

GOOD HOPE—Rev. C. L. Anderson, D. E. Hollman, J. A. Woodruff, J. D. Woodruff, E. M. Thornton.

LIBERTY HILL—T. M. Tyler, J. F. Hill, W. H. Tyler.

MT. GILEAD—Rev. W. L. Hudson, E. W. Barton.

MT. PISGAH—J. M. Burkhalter, W. T. Willshire.

OXFORD—Rev. G. W. Gardner, J. F. Jackson, Landrum P. Leavell.

PILGRIM'S REST—Rev. G. W. Hollowell, L. C. Pollard, J. R. Jones, W. M. Vanderberg.

POPE—Rev. J. A. Lee, Mon. Randolph.

SPRINGPORT—G. T. Birdsong, Robt. Wallace.

WATER VALLEY—Rev. E. L. Wesson, Rev. J. W. Gillon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed by singing "Savior, more than life to me," and prayer by Rev. H. L. Johnston. On motion Association went into election of officers.

Brethren E. W. Spencer and H. L. Finley were appointed to act as tellers, and announced the results of the election as follows: E. W. Barton, Moderator; S. R. Whitten, Clerk; E. G. Leigh, Treasurer.

Bro. Higginbotham made some appropriate remarks upon retiring, and conducted the newly elected Moderator to the chair, who accepted with appropriate remarks.

The Clerk and Treasurer expressed their appreciation of the renewed evidence of the confidence of the Association.

Petitionary letters were presented from Oxford, Batesville and Mt. Pisgah churches, and all were unanimously received.

On motion W. W. Dickens, John Woodruff, the pastor and deacons of this church, were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Rev. H. L. Finley was received as Corresponding Messenger from Tippah Association, and Rev. E. W. Spencer from Coldwater Association. Rev. W. I. Hargis reported having attended the Tennessee Convention, also our own State Convention. He reported the Tennessee Convention in good working order.

Rev. G. W. Hollowell reported a pleasant meeting of the Coldwater Association. Rev. H. L. Johnston reported from Calhoun Association.

On motion Brethren A. T. Bobo, B. F. Tatom and W. L. Hudson were appointed as a Committee on Finance. In absence of Committee on Foreign Missions Rev. G. W. Gardner and W. W. Dickens were appointed, and report set for 9 o'clock a.m. Saturday.

On motion the report on State Missions is to immediately follow report on Foreign Missions.

On motion the order of business shall be to meet at 9 o'clock a.m., adjourn at 12 m., meet at 2 p.m., adjourn at pleasure.

Report on Education read by Rev. W. I. Hargis.

GENERAL EDUCATION.

General education has reference to the education of the masses. Every thinking person will at once recognize the necessity of educating the masses. It makes them better citizens. A more intelligent vote can be cast, and better men will be elected to office. The necessity of a more general education of the masses is apparent from the fact that one of the leading questions of the day in our own State is, "How shall we get rid of the political strife—a result of the enfranchisement of several millions of ignorant people?" A more general education of the masses would aid materially in solving many political and social troubles now agitating the public mind, and threatening the disruption of both the political and social fabrics.

The ignorant voters are massed by designing politicians against the best interests of the people, and often in opposition to every principle of right.

Morality suffers in consequence. Religious progress is hindered. Evils are thrust upon communities and are continued often by this very class of people.

The saloon has in them its most faithful allies and strongest supporters.

Upon the twin sisters, ignorance and superstition, the Romish Church was founded, and its existence perpetuated. Upon this same stepping-stone she hopes to rise to political supremacy in our own country. She is educating all who can be enticed into her Parochial Schools, not so much in the sciences and literature, and not at all in God's word, but in the tenets and doctrines of Romanism.

A more general education of the masses is the most potent weapon that could be used against the insidious machinations of Rome, the devilish schemes of the Rum Power, and the wily handiwork of the suave politician. But, let us remember that education means more than mere book knowledge or college training. These alone will not suffice. For many of the most consummate villains and enemies of the public good have upon them the stamp of a college training.

To the Christian, education means a leading forth of all the better qualities of one's being and a training of these for the highest good in this life and God's glory in eternity.

To this end Christian effort should be directed. A school in which this fact is not recognized, and the religion of God does not form a part of the curriculum, cannot justly command the patronage of a Christian people. Baptists should demand even *more* than this. Believing that they hold the truth as it is in Jesus, and revealed in God's word, they should see to it that no doctrine is inculcated in the schools they patronize, *contrary to the truth.*

In the matter of education, Baptists are not behind any. Indeed, they have the only strictly denominational school of much note in Mississippi. I mean Mississippi College. There are many other schools, both male and female, in the State, under Baptist control.

Notably among these I would mention Blue Mountain Female College—thought by some of its ardent admirers to be the coming Vassar of the South, Central Female Institute, Lexington Normal College, Warren Female Institute, Starkville Female College, Lea Female College, Blue Mountain Male Academy, Shuqualak Female College, Mississippi State Normal College and Clear Creek Normal College. The Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., is equal if not superior to any institution of its kind in the world.

In point of education Baptists are in the front ranks, and though the epithet of ignorance may, in the past, have justly attached to them, it is no longer a deserved reproach. No ministry has stronger men than the Baptist ministry. No more eminent teachers are to be found than many of our Baptist teachers. More able editors or scholarly authors are not to be found than in the Baptist journalistic fraternity, or in the ranks of Baptist writers, as our leading papers and works of theology clearly show.

Shall we educate? We are educating; but let us educate more and better.

W. I. HARGIS, Com.

Discussion opened by Bro. Hargis. He says: "We should not patronize schools where Christianity is not a prime factor. The Baptist ministry is the best educated ministry in the State."

Bro. Gardner says: "In our strides for education we should not forget our dependence on God. We should be taught of God."

Bro. E. L. Wesson says: "Next to the grace of God we need better education."

By request Brethren C. L. Anderson and J. W. Gillon told something of what Mississippi College is doing for them. Bro. Gillon says: "Mississippi College is the greatest power in the hands of the Baptists for doing good, and for advancing the Gospel."

Bro. Rockett says: "According to our facilities, the Baptists are ahead in point of education. We should turn our attention to the mental training of our children."

Bro. J. A. Lee says: "Look to the fireside training. Neighborhood schools and the colleges will sustain themselves."

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Rev. E. W. Spencer will preach Friday at 11 o'clock. Dismissed by Bro. Rockett. E. W. BARTON, Moderator.

S. R. WHITTEN, Clerk.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. H. L. Finley. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The regular order of business being taken up, S. R. Whitten read report on Sunday-schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In making this report on Sunday-schools we are glad to denote the progress we are making along this line. The time was when Sunday-schools were thought to be right good things—no particular objection to having them in our churches. It was taken for granted that some few fanatics among the women would as well exercise in this way as any other, but now we note the pride with which our churches report their Sunday-schools. It is not "Shall we have a Sunday-school?" but "How shall we conduct it to the best advantage?" A minute of this Association published ten years ago is silent as to the name Sunday-school. Now we have reported over 400 students in regular attendance, and money raised therefrom not less than $200.00.

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The time was when spelling books and primers were used for young children in our Sunday-schools. Now we have two of the grandest societies publishing literature for our children. Our State Convention is even fostering Sunday-school institutes. The Sunday-school influence, like the home influence. so sacred because of its importance, is the best and quickest way of training our young for active Church work. They, like David, have to go to the house of God. They love the study of the Bible and are familiarizing themselves with God's blessed Word. They are having inculcated the necessity of giving. and thus the mission spirit grows. Brethren, it is God's work and we should delight ourselves in it. S. R. WHITTEN.

Different phases of the subject, Home Influence, Church Relations, Officers, Hindrances, etc., discussed first by E. L. Wesson, who says, "The Sunday-school is dependent on the home training for its effectual work." Bros. Finley and Lee further discussed the subject.

On Church Relations, Bro. Spencer says: "The tendency of our Sunday-schools is to be independent, as to Officers, as to Literature, as to Finances—a great error the Baptists are making." Discussed further by S. R. Whitten, H. L. Finley, J. A. Lee. With E. L. Wesson in the chair, the Moderator made a short talk. Report adopted.

A motion to have a report on Ministerial Education, carried; and E. L. Wesson and J. W. Gillon appointed a committee to report during this meeting.

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of a member from each church to apportion to the churches their pro rata of the $1000 apportioned to our Association by the Convention Board. Rev. H. W. Rockett was made chairman of the following committee:

Antioch—A. P. Turner.
Bethany—I. H. Lowrey.
Big Springs—H. L. Johnston.
Clear Creek—S. R. Whitten.
Concord—J. W. Higginbotham.
Courtland—J. A. Lee.
Good Hope—J. D. Woodruff.
Liberty Hill—T. M. Tyler.
Mt. Gilead—E. W. Barton.
Pope—R. M. Randolph.
Pilgrim's Rest—G. W. Hollowell.
Springport—G. T. Birdsong.
Troy—Not represented.
Water Valley—E. L. Wesson.
Yellow Leaf—T. H. Winter.
Yocona—R. H. Mitchell.
Oxford—John F. Jackson.
Mt. Pisgah—J. M. Burkhalter.
Batesville—W. W. Dickens.

The committee retired and brought in the following report:

Antioch,	$ 10 00	Pilgrim's Rest,	$ 20 00
Bethany,	100 00	Springport,	10 00
Big Springs,	40 00	Troy,	
Clear Creek,	150 00	Water Valley,	150 00

Concord,.....	$30 00	Yellow Leaf, ...	$25 00
Courtland, ...	100 00	Yocona, ...	50 00
Good Hope,.....	100 00	Oxford, ...	200 00
Liberty Hill,.....	12 00	Mt. Pisgah,.....	25 00
Mt. Gilead, ...	25 00	Batesville,.....	100 00
Pope.....	30 00		

On motion of H. W. Rockett notice is hereby given that the Association will be called upon to vote on Article 8 of the Constitution one year hence, with a view to expunging it.

Adjourned for preaching.

Dismissed by H. W. Rockett.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

The report of the Executive Board was read by the Secretary, S. R. Whitten.

By permission Bro. Gillon read a general statement of the work done this summer as Missionaries in this Association by himself and Bro. Anderson.

Both report and statement were adopted and ordered published.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN—In making this, our third annual report, we desire to bow in gratitude to the Giver of all good for blessing us abundantly, though in the beginning of our work we were much hindered. At our last annual meeting we elected Bro. H. L. Finley to do Missionary colportage work. Bro. Finley resigned and we then elected Bro. H. L. Johnston, who likewise declined. By this time it was late and the financial crisis made us cautious as to how we ventured, and so at a meeting of the Board at Good Hope in March we secured the service of our good Bro. Hargis at a salary of $2.00 per day of actual service. Bro. Hargis has made us a wise counsellor and a most excellent supply. He has done some efficient work at Spring Port, Conner's School-house, and other points. At a meeting of the Board at Water Valley in July we employed our young Brethren Gillon and Anderson two months at a salary of forty-five dollars each per month. These young men have been exceedingly faithful, and as far as we can learn have given good satisfaction. They have engaged in several meetings, in which fifty-seven professed conversion. These young men have power with men, because they have power with God. We can most heartily commend them to the brotherhood as worthy of their confidence, sympathy and support. Brethren, we should keep them in school and employ them during the summer months in our field, and in this way we can help them to help themselves.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Water Valley Church	$ 38 00
Received from Pope	7 15
Received from Bethany	25 00
Received from Antioch	7 50
Received from Pilgrim's Rest	5 00
Received from Concord	10 00
Received from Clear Creek	75 00
Received from Mt. Gilead	10 00
Received from Yocona	21 75
Received from Yellow Leaf	32 00
Received from Courtland	20 00
Received from Good Hope	63 40
Received from Liberty Hill	10 00
Received from Big Springs	67 75
Total	$392 55

Paid to E. G. Leigh, Treasurer, for State Missions	$103 15	
For Minutes	35 75	
For Ministerial Education	5 00	
For H. L. Finley	248 65	
Total		$392 55

Respectfully submitted, S. R. WHITTEN, Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY AND COLPORTAGE.

Work by C. L. Anderson:		
No. Days of service		52
No. Miles traveled		500
No. Testaments donated		3
No. Books sold		7
No. Tracts distributed		564
No. Sermons preached		41
No. Addresses delivered		12
No. Families visited		82
No. Conversions in meetings held		52
No. Prayer meetings held		32
No. Meetings held		6
Amount of sales of books	$3 40	
Received from Bro. Thornton for books left in his possession by Bro. Finley	1 65	
Total	$5 05	

Missionary and Colportage work by J. W. Gillon—	
No. Miles traveled	580
No. Sermons preached.	42
No. Visits made	85
No. Family prayers held	28
No. Meetings assisted in	7
Conversions in Meetings:	
Concord	5
Troy	3
Spring Port	10
Clear Creek	19
East Harbor	18
Conner's School-house	00
Pilgrim's Rest	2
Total	57

Amount of sales of Books		$1 50
Amount of sales of Tracts		10
Total		$1 60
Testaments donated		5
Number days served		59
Association Missions:		
Concord Church		$ 1 00
Spring Port Church		2 35
Water Valley Church		8 00
Cash for Books from Bro. Rockett		1 75
Cash from Bro. E. M. Thornton		6 80
Books sold by W. I. Hargis		13 80
Total		$33 70
By Express	$ 50	
By Cash paid S. R. Whitten	20 00	
By Cash paid W. I. Hargis	19 00	
Total		$39 50
Balance due W. I. Hargis		$5 80

To the Oxford Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—We have made an itemized report to the Executive Board of our work as Missionaries of your Association. As you know, we applied to your Board for work during the vacation, in view of the fact that we wished to be engaged in work for the Master, and at the same time secure the funds necessary to carry us through the next session of Mississippi College.

It was with thankful hearts that we accepted the work so kindly given us, otherwise we should probably have been greatly lacking in means to go back to college.

Under Divine guidance, and with the kindly sympathy and direction of the pastors and others, we were enabled to do apparently some acceptable work for the Master and your Association. As to whether our work has been crowned with as great success as you anticipated, we refer you to our itemized reports. Certainly we had many manifestations of the Divine presence. God blessed the preaching of His Word and glorified Himself in the salvation of many souls.

In regard to the Colportage work, we have but a meager report to make. Failing to receive the additional donation promised by the American Baptist Publication Society, we had only such books as had already been culled; and owing to a great scarcity of money the work could not be prosecuted with any degree of success. We found the people ready to receive the Gospel, and would recommend that your future Missionary follow up the work of this summer, especially at the points where there are no regular pastors. Indeed, just at this time it occurs to us that the preaching of the Gospel is the work that is most needed. Praying God's blessing upon your future work, we are yours in Christian love,

J. W. GILLON,
C. L. ANDERSON.

On motion a new Executive Board was appointed, viz:

Antioch—T. A. Tubbs.
Bethany—I. H. Lowry.
Big Springs—H. L. Johnston.
Concord—J. W. Higginbotham.
Courtland—J. A. Lee.
Pope—R. W. Draper.
Pilgrim's Rest—W. M. Vanderberg
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Clear Creek—S. R. Whitten.
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Oxford—G. W. Gardner.
Batesville—P. H. Lowrey.
Mt. Pisgah—J. M. Burkhalter.

Bro. Hargis made a statement in reference to the necessities of Brethren Gillon and Anderson, and their support was referred to the Executive Board by the following resolution, offered by G. W. Gardner:

"*Resolved*, That the Executive Board be instructed to take into consideration the financial support of Brethren Anderson and Gillon while attending Mississippi College, and as far as practicable, keep them in necessary funds."

An announcement was made that Bro. W. L. Hudson will preach under the arbor.

The Executive Board was located at Water Valley, and the following local members elected: Z. D. Jennings, W. S. Chapman, J. P. Boydston, R. H. Mitchell, E. W. Barton.

Order of business was suspended to hear Finance Report, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

Received for State Missions	$103 15
Received for Foreign Missions	29 00
Received for Ministerial Education	5 00
Received for Minutes	35 75
Received for Clerk Fees	2 00
Total	$174 90

Paid to E. G. Leigh, Treasurer, the full amount.....$174 90

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. BOBO,
W. L. HUDSON,
B. F. TATOM.

On motion the Association released Brethren Anderson and Gillon from the four remaining days of their contract, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay them their salaries in full.

Report on Publications was read by Rev. G. W. Hollowell.

PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the Report on Publications submit the following: We have numerous religious periodicals worthy of our patronage, but will especially mention, first, "Kind Words," as suitable for use in all our Sabbath-schools, for the reason that it pays largely to missions in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and by supporting our own Sunday-school paper we help our own mission cause. We also commend the Sunday-school literature and denominational tracts and books of

the American Baptist Publication Society. Second, Our "Foreign Mission Journal" ought to be in every family; ignorance of missions is the only excuse for omissions or anti-missions. Third, We commend our State paper, the "Baptist Record," as worthy of the earnest support of our people. We also recommend the "Baptist and Reflector" as a religious news and doctrinal paper, and the reason why both are recommended is because neither fills the need of our people.

G. W. HOLLOWELL, for Com.

Discussed by Brethren Gardner, Higginbotham, E. W. Spencer.

Bro. Spencer says: "The culture of the soul is of more importance than the culture of the mind. Accord to your pastor the same privilege you do your teacher, and buy such literature as he may suggest."

Further discussed by H. L. Finley.

Report adopted.

On motion the Executive Board is recommended to employ Rev. W. I. Hargis for half his time as Missionary.

Report on Temperance read by Rev. J. A. Lee.

TEMPERANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN—Your committee beg leave to submit the following as their report on this question:

Intemperance is abroad in the land, and is one of the greatest enemies with which the cause of Christ has to contend.

Strong drink is a great stone over which nations, States, countries, cities, towns, and individuals, both Christian and sinner, are stumbling, and over which they will continue to stumble until God's people furl the banner on which shall be written, "*Total Abstinence.*"

We are warranted in saying it is only a question of time as to the existence of the general whisky traffic and open saloon. Why do we say this? It is because God's people are becoming aroused to their duty on this line. Especially is this true of the ministers; and in the language of Mr. Claiborne, our own State's historian, we may truly say, "No cause espoused by the ministry has ever failed."

More than this: the godly women of this country are upon their knees in behalf of this cause; and "Shall not God avenge his own elect which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."—Luke 18. 7-8.

Why are our ministers and laymen becoming so aroused on this question? Because *intemperance* is a heinous sin and sustained only by the devil, and that the condemnation of a just God rests upon it, and he has classed a drunkard with thieves, revelers, extortioners, and says they shall not enter the kingdom of God.—1 Cor. 6, 10.

Again God says: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken."—Hab. 2, 15 Whosoever upholds intemperance in the slightest form is guilty of the above, and God's *woe* is pronounced upon him.

It has been ascertained that intemperance causes four-fifths of all the crimes committed in this country, imposes fully one-half of all State, county and municipal taxes, wastes $800,000,000 a year in drink, destroys a home market for this much American products, incapacitates mentally and physically a half million people for labor and business, causes three-fourths of the pauperism in the country, is responsible for the fearful increase of insanity and imbecility shown by the statistics of this country and Europe, and does no good abroad.

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This being the case, is it any wonder that God's people are becoming aroused to their duty? No. And God speed the day when every one that stands as his representative may be a totalist and will preach by precept and example, that temperance is of God and must reign supreme.

Yours in Christian love, J. A. LEE,
C. CROSBY.

Discussed by J. A. Lee, E. L. Wesson, H. W. Rockett.

Report on Ministerial Education read by E. L. Wesson.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee, report the following on ministerial education: Education means development; therefore, ministerial education must mean ministerial development. And surely no one can object to the growth or development of the men God calls into the ministry. Ministerial education is the development of the minister's ability to reason, acquire knowlege, and impart knowledge to others; also a development of his spiritual being, a growth in grace, by which he is enabled to better understand and appreciate God's dealings with men, and thus to comfort and instruct those to whom he is called to minister. And an education that does not develop both the mental and spiritual man is unworthy the name ministerial education. Therefore the necessity of those God calls into the ministry attending schools where men of well developed minds and consecrated hearts shall be their teachers. Such is Mississippi College, as a literary school, and if possible every one of our young ministers should go there. Such is the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, and every young minister who possibly can should go there, for the greater the development of mind and heart, the better the preacher.

E. L. WESSON.
J. W. GILLON.

Discussed by Brethren Wesson and Spencer. Adopted. Order of business suspended to decide the place of next meeting. Decision in favor of Batesville.

Rev. G. W. Gardner appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. E. L. Wesson, alternate.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Rev. W. I. Hargis will preach here to-night, and Rev. G. W. Gardner to-morrow at 11 a.m.

On motion adjourned until 9 a.m. Saturday. Dismissed by Rev. J. A. Lee. E. W. BARTON, Moderator.

S. R. WHITTEN, Clerk.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Song, "What a friend we have in Jesus." Prayer by Rev. G. W. Hollowell. Song, "Savior, more than life to me." Prayer by Rev. J. A. Lee.

Minutes of Friday read and approved.

The order of business being taken up, G. W. Gardner read report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There can be no question as to the claims of the heathen upon us to give them the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He himself says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;" and the Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabus and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." This evidently refers to the preaching of the Gospel among the heathen. Indeed, the book of Acts is largely a history of Christian missions, telling us of the work of the Apostles in the regions beyond. As Baptists, with the New Testament as our only guide, we must be missionary or nothing.

God is greatly blessing and prospering us as a denomination. New spirit and life is being infused into all our churches. May not this prosperity be attributed in a large measure to our increased interest in Foreign Missions? The more we do for this good work the greater will be the blessings which the Lord will send upon our souls. If we shall get ourselves fully enlisted in this work we confidently believe that the growth and efficiency of our churches will be unprecedented. Growth not only in numbers, but in piety and consecration to the Master's service.

Ten or twelve years ago Southern Baptists gave about $50,000 to Foreign Missions. There has been a steady increase in our contributions until we reached $110 000 for this work during last year. Twenty-two new missionaries were sent out, and we have now important missions in China, Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Africa and Japan, with a total membership of over 2,000. Our State is asked to raise $9,000 for this work next year. Your committee, in conclusion, would make the following suggestions:

1. That we as an Association agree to raise our part of this amount.
2. That the members of our churches inform themselves upon this subject, and that our pastors be requested to preach at least two sermons during the Associational year on Foreign Missions, followed by collections.
3. That we pray more in private and public for the blessings of the God of missions upon this great work.

Respectfully submitted for the committee. G. W. GARDNER.

Discussion opened by Rev. J. B. Gambrell, who says: "Our mission days should be like our baptizing days, always days of greatest rejoicing. If we will have blood earnestness in this matter, there will go out from our homes a multitude of preachers to give the Gospel to the lost."

Report adopted.

Report on State Missions read by Rev. H. W. Rockett.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

During the past Conventional year $7,479 00 was raised for State Missions; fifty-five missionaries were employed, three hundred and ninety-nine stations were occupied, twenty-four houses of worship were built, nine repaired. Seven churches and eighty-five Sunday-schools were organized, and nine hundred and fifty additions were made to the churches. The Convention Board states in its report that this work was considerably retarded by College Endowment movement, by the spirit of church building pervading the country, and by the crop failure in the northern part of the State. The State work of the Convention Board is probably second to none. Though the field is more limited than the foreign field, yet it developes resources which are pushing the work to the ends of the earth. There is still large destitution in the State. There are many important places which ought to be occupied where there is no Baptist preaching, and a very large part of the rich Missis-

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sippi Valley is yet uncultivated. The work calls for greater zeal in our hearts and greater sacrifice in our lives. Brethren, let us take the Baptists and the Lord. H. W. ROCKETT.

Order of business suspended to appoint a committee to get up a digest of the letters of the churches to the Association, the report to be read during this session. Rev. E. L. Wesson and Miss Laeta Durham were appointed on this committee.

Order of business resumed.

Report on State Missions discussed first by H. W. Rockett, who says, "If we do not work here we shall not be happy when we leave this world."

Bro. Gillon says: "We should give to missions as God has given grace to us."

Further discussed by J. A. Lee, who says, "We'll do our duty as to missions if we live close to God."

H. L. Johnston closed the discussion.

Report adopted.

Bro. J. B. Gambrell is welcomed to a seat with the Association, and requested to represent any work he may desire. He very earnestly presses the claims of the *Baptist Record*; also Mississippi College, etc. He says: "Some people think God fills the preacher's mouths, and it is not necessary for them to be educated. The fact is, their mouths are filled when opened, but they are filled with wind. The leaders of the next strongest denomination in the State, the Methodists, say we are ahead in point of education."

After speaking on the College Endowment a collection was taken in pledges as follows: Brethren Hargis and Whitten, $25.00; Batesville Sunbeams, $25.00; Big Springs Church, $25.00; Clear Creek Missionary Company, $25.00; J. A. Lee, $50.00; Good Hope Sunbeams, $5.00; Miss Agnes Durham, $5.00; H. W. Rockett, $10.00; G. W. Hollowell, $5.00; E. W. Barton, $5.00; L. C. Pollard, $5.00; Sister Harrison, $2.50; W. J. Gowan, $2.50; J. B. Harriss, $2.50; E. M. Thornton, $5.00; Sister Vanderberg, $2.50.

Report on Prayer Meetings and Family Worship read by Rev. H. L. Johnston, and adopted.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS AND FAMILY WORSHIP.

Your Committee on Prayer Meetings and Family Worship report that about one-half the churches in our Association have prayer meetings. These meetings are not generally well attended by members. It is to be deplored that all of our churches do not have well organized prayer meetings, for that is certainly the plan of the Apostles and first Christians. See Acts 1, 15, and Acts 3, 1.

In churches where prayer meetings are kept up the members are better developed in church work. We need revival in this work, so that in our churches where no prayer meetings are, one will be organized, and the revival needs to come to us individually so that all the members will attend. A good work could be done by almost all of our churches in holding wayside prayer meetings in school-houses and in the homes of the sick. In this way our field could be largely cultivated that is now being neglected. Your committee would say that family worship is scriptural and right: Abraham built an altar for worship wherever he pitched his tent. The Jews were told to teach their children the dealings of the Lord with them. Job offered sacrifice for his children. We are taught to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. This bringing up may be done and can only be rightly done by family worship. Family worship is so much neglected that we fear to report on the subject, and because of the neglect of such worship we are seeing the fruits every day.

H. L. JOHNSTON.

Digest of Letters read by Rev. E. L. Wesson, and adopted.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Spring Port—In good condition. Had a meeting of days. Church revived. Additions, 7; dismissed, 5. Total increase, 2.

Bethany—Met all financial pledges. Had the "Chair Talks" delivered by Dr. Graves, which church greatly enjoyed. Increase, 1; decrease, 3.

Yocona—Working together in harmony. Have an evergreen Sunday-school. Total contributions, $235.05.

Antioch—Financial pledges met. Have had no meeting this Associational year. Decrease, 2.

Yellow Leaf—Had seven days meeting. Result, 17 additions.

Courtland—Had meeting of days, held by Bro. B. N. Hatch, which greatly revived the church. Increase, 10. Total contributed by Church and Ladies' Society, $328.70.

Mt. Gilead—Had a meeting of days. Church greatly revived. Increase, 3; decrease, 1. Contributions, $131.50.

Big Springs—Increase, 3; decrease, 7. Pledges met. Had a meeting of one week. Church greatly revived and much good done.

Liberty Hill—Increase, 3; decrease, 6. Contributions to mission, $16.50.

Water Valley—Preaching and Sunday-school every Sabbath. Ladies' meeting once a week. Weekly prayer meeting. Increase, 15; decrease, 9. Met all financial pledges.

Pilgrim's Rest—Had a meeting of days. Church revived. Sinners convicted and some converted. Have a small Sunday-school. Paid for missions, $17.00. Increase, 8; Decrease, 4.

Clear Creek—Had a meeting of days. Greatly blessed of the Lord. Increase, 22; decrease, 1.

Good Hope—Had two meetings of days. Additions, 8. Church revived. All the baptized were members of the Sunday-school. Contributions, $152.35.

Concord—Had a meeting of days. Additions, 7; decrease, 4. Contributions to mission, $20.00. Has a Sunday-school.

Pope—Had a meeting of days, held by Pastor and Bro. D. N. Hatch. Church much revived. Increase, 11; decrease, 5. Sunday-school evergreen. Contributions, $224.65.

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Mt. Pisgah—Paid for missions, $10. Church organized October, 1888. Has a Sunday-school.

Oxford—Had a meeting of days. Church greatly blessed. Increase, 34; decrease, 12. Paid for all purposes by the Church, $2,239.50. Have Ladies' Society, which has raised $41.25.

Batesville—Ladies' Aid Society in good working condition, and evergreen Sunday-school. Met all financial engagements. Increase, 5; decrease, 2.

E. L. WESSON.
LAETA DURHAM.

Report on Woman's Work read by W. I. Hargis, and adopted.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MEETING.

The ladies representing the Aid Societies of the Oxford Association met on Friday afternoon during the Association.

In the absence of our Vice-President, Mrs. Rosa Leigh, devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. I. Hargis. We had reports from the Woman's Missionary Societies of Harrison and Courtland, and the Sunbeams of Harrison and Good Hope. These reports showed very clearly that the societies had not been idle, and it should encourage all the women of the churches to organize and work for the cause of missions. We would ask that the Societies report more promptly, and that all the Ladies' Aid Societies and Sunbeams donate the money made during the first quarter of 1891 to Bros. Anderson and Gillon.

The amounts reported were:

Courtland Sunbeams and Ladies' Aid Society, for all purposes	$81 00
Good Hope Sunbeams	12 00
Good Hope Ladies' Aid Society	30 00
Harrison Ladies' Aid Society	24 00
Harrison Sunbeams	20 00

The above is only a partial report of the work done by the Societies of the Association. This work has done much in developing spirituality among the workers. There is no means of Christian growth but prayer and work. Therefore we urge the sisters to rise and take hold of the work. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Cease not to ask divine guidance, and follow always the leadings of Providence.

REV. W. I. HARGIS, Pres. pro tem.
MISS EMMA WOODRUFF, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT, OXFORD ASSOCIATION.

Received of Finance Committee for State Missions		$10 00
For Foreign Missions		44 85
For Printing Minutes		33 80
For H. L. Finley		11 65
Total		$100 30
Paid J. T. Christian for State Missions	$10 00	
For Foreign Missions	44 85	
Clerk for printing Minutes	33 80	
To H. L. Finley	11 65	
Total		$100 30

Respectfully, E. G. LEIGH.

Standing Committees announced as follows:

Foreign Missions—W. I. Hargis, S. R. Whitten.

State Missions—G. W. Gardner, B. T. Kimbrough, Thos. H. Winter.

Sunday-schools—George Leavell, H. L. Johnston, J. W. Higginbotham.

General Education—J. W. Gillon, C. L. Anderson, S. R. Lamb.

Publications—H. W. Rockett, J. A. Lee, W. W. Dickens.

Temperance—E. L. Wesson, G. W. Hollowell, W. S. Chapman.

Prayer Meeting and Family Worship—W. L. Hudson, P. H. Lowrey, J. F. Jackson.

Woman's Work—Miss Laeta Durham, Mr. W. I. Hargis.

On motion Rev. H. L. Johnston is to represent our Association in the State Convention.

The following were appointed as Corresponding Messengers: W. I. Hargis, G. W. Gardner, J. W. Higginbotham, E. L. Wesson, J. A. Lee, E. W. Barton, G. W. Hollowell, Misses Lena Dickens and Laeta Durham.

Corresponding Messengers to Cold Water Association—W. I. Hargis, J. A. Lee.

Chickasaw—E. L. Wesson, G. W. Gardner.

Tippah—E. L. Wesson, S. R. Whitten.

Calhoun—W. L. Hudson, H. L. Johnston, E. W. Barton.

Yallobusha—W. I. Hargis.

The following resolution was offered by W. I. Hargis, and on motion adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the people of this community for their generous hospitality during its present session.

While singing, "How blest the tie that binds," the parting hand was extended, and the Association closed one of its most pleasant and harmonious sessions.

Dismissed by an earnest prayer by that grand old veteran, Rev. J. B. Gambrell. E. W. BARTON, Moderator.

S. R. WHITTEN, Clerk.

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PILGRIM'S REST, MISS., Sept. 12, 1890.

The Executive Board of the Oxford Association met in connection with the Association and organized by the election of the following officers: Rev. H. W. Rockett, President; Rev. G. W. Gardner, Treasurer; S. R. Whitten, Secretary.

The Board unanimously elected W. I. Hargis to act as Missionary and Colporteur in this Association for half his time.

A motion carried to instruct the Clerk to correspond with the Secretary of the Convention Board, and get him to ratify our appointment as missionary; also to allow us to retain a sufficient amount of our funds to defray the expenses of said missionary.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the Board of Ministerial Education the exact amount necessary to sustain Brethren Gillon and Anderson in Mississippi College the ensuing session.

The Clerk was also instructed to request the churches to pay all money for all purposes to the Treasurer of this Board, and also instructed to request the churches to pay over this money by January 1st.

On motion each member of the Board is to communicate to the Missionary directly the needs of his individual territory.

H. W. ROCKETT, President.

S. R. WHITTEN, Secretary.

The above report is published that the churches may know that it is earnestly desired that all funds be paid to the Treasurer of this Board, and as far as possible that they be paid by January 1st. CLERK.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

ART. 3. Any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body, provided he call some brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of tie.

ART. 5. Every motion made in order and seconded, after sufficient time for discussion, shall be, by the Moderator, put to the vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

ART. 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the Moderator when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

ART. 7. Every member in addressing the body must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection.

ART. 8. The appellation, "Brother," shall be used in our addresses.

ART. 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

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ART. 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during the hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for the correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of all proceedings of the body.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys presented for Associational purposes and pay them over by the order of the body.

ART. 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rule of Association, a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

ART. 14. The roll of delegates shall be called at the close of each session, and absentees without permission shall be designated upon the minutes as such, without leave from the Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body, and to unite their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects, the dissemination of the Gospel by missionary operations, both at home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aims of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath-schools, also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the ministry. All Christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their encouragement, among which the support of superannuated and wornout ministers will receive especial attention.

ART. 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five; provided in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

ART. 3. The delegates present representing churches shall, during the session, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment, together with the number of members in fellowship; the number baptized; received by letter; restored; dismissed by letter; excluded and died during the year.

ART. 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent herself at one meeting, will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting; and any church thus failing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint a committee to inquire into the cause of such failure.

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ART. 5. Other churches approving our Articles of Faith and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegates and letters.

ART. 6. This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the names of the delegates enrolled. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

ART. 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

ART. 8. The same individual shall not be chosen Moderator more than three years in succession.

ART. 9. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules, or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches; but it may, when requested by a church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice to such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 10. This Association may correspond by letter and messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 11. This Association shall at its annual meetings appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there shall be churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in session, and for this purpose shall meet as often as its chairman shall deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Association.

ART. 12. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Name of Sunday-school	Character	Superintendent	No. Teachers	Average Attendance	Total	Mission Collection	S.S. Expenses	Total
Batesville	Evergreen							
Bethany	Evergreen	J T Mabry		40				
Big Springs	Evergreen	J P Boydston		30				
Clear Creek	Evergreen	S R Whitten	5	30	35	$27 00	$16 00	$43 00
Good Hope	Evergreen	S R Lamb		31		15 75	12 25	28 00
Mt. Pisgah	Evergreen							
Oxford	Evergreen	Geo W Leavell	10	90	100	3 38	27 06	30 44
Pope	Evergreen							
Water Valley	Evergreen	E L Wesson		60			31 00	31 00
Yocona	Evergreen	W C Taylor		25				
			15	306	135			$132 44

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S.S. Expenses	Total
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16 00	$43 00
12 25	28 00
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27 06	30 44
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31 00	31 00
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	$132 44

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Postoffice	County	Days of Meeting	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Mississippi College	Incidentals	Minutes	Church Property	Total
Antioch	J A Lee	M M Randolph	Courtland	Panola	4th Sunday	...	4	...	4	2	...	36	$ 75 00	$ 7 50	...	...	...	$ 2 50	$1 50	$ 800	$ 886 50
Batesville	E W Spencer	S Van Voris	Batesville	Panola	2d Sunday	...	5	...	2	...	...	41	150 00	61 25	...	...	$ 50 00	...	2 00	...	263 25
Bethany	H W Rockett	D W Patterson	Batesville	Panola	2d and 4th Sun	...	1	...	1	1	1	92	250 00	25 00	$33 00	$ 5 00	16 00	48 70	3 00	1,300	1,880 70
Big Springs	H L Johnston	D G Thomas	Water Valley	Yallobusha	1st Sun and Sat	1	3	...	3	3	1	37	68 57	67 75	20 00	5 00	...	...	2 00	750	913 32
Clear Creek	W I Hargis	S R Whitten	Morganville	Lafayette	1st and 3d Sun	11	7	4	...	...	1	109	250 00	75 00	75 00	80 00	...	15 00	3 00	3,500	3,998 00
Concord	J J Gibson	J W Higginbotham	Taylor	Lafayette	4th Sun and Sat.	5	1	1	2	1	2	97	100 00	10 00	10 00	...	...	...	2 00	500	622 00
Courtland	J A Lee	*S P Causler	Courtland	Panola	4th Sun	5	5	...	...	...	...	41	150 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	33 70	65 00	...	...	313 70
Good Hope	E W Spencer	J D Woodruff	Batesville	Panola	4th Sun and Sat.	9	4	...	3	...	4	93	103 45	63 00	20 00	10 00	...	1 90	2 00	200	435 00
Mt. Gilead	H W Rockett	A F Alexander	Water Valley	Yallobusha	3d Sun and Sat.	2	1	...	...	1	...	43	100 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	...	...	1 50	400	531 50
Liberty Hill	H L Johnston	*J T White	Eureka Sp'ngs	Panola	3d Sun	1	2	...	5	1	1	39	37 25	10 00	6 50	...	...	...	...	300	353 75
Mt. Pisgah	J C Brandon	W T Willshire	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	10 00	...	...	...	1 00	...	41 00
Oxford	G W Gardner	Geo W Leavell	Oxford	Lafayette	Each Sun	14	20	...	10	...	2	124	1200 00	108 20	66 00	17 35	410 75	485 00	2 50	10,000	12,289 80
Pope	J A Lee	M H Pugh	Pope	Panola	1st Sun and Sat.	9	2	3	2	1	...	66	100 00	7 15	10 00	10 00	10 00	1 00	2 50	1,000	1,140 65
Pilgrim's Rest	G W Hollowell	W M Vanderberg	Reynolds	Panola	1st Sun and Sat.	5	1	2	1	2	1	70	100 00	5 00	12 00	...	...	1 00	1 50	150	269 50
Spring Port	W I Hargis	E F Wallace	Wallace	Panola	2d Sun.	7	...	...	5	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Water Valley	E L Wesson	J Bartlett	Water Valley	Yallobusha	Each Sun	4	9	...	4	5	2	130	600 00	38 00	42 15	20 30	185 00	546 90	3 50	2,000	3,436 05
Yellow Leaf	C W Smith	Thos Winter	Oxford	Lafayette	*2d Sun and Sat	17	...	...	...	...	..	104	150 00	32 00	...	...	...	...	...	500	682 00
Yocona	J R Farrish	J L Sisk	Taylor	Lafayette	2d Sun.	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	100 00	21 75	30 00	10 00	25 00	46 30	2 00	750	995 05
						90	65	10	42	17	15	~~1000~~	$3434 27	$561 70	$364 65	$192 85	$730 45	$1131 30	$30 00	$22,350	$28,921 57

* When last reported.

The above statistics are not accurate, but the best I can get from the letters.—CLERK.

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